

FORWARD IN FAITH

“Honoring God Through Passionate Worship”

Philippians 4:4-8

Worship Ministry

I. PASSIONATE WORSHIP BEGINS WITH PRAISE

1. Passionate worship declares the person of God (Psalm 47:7-8).
2. Passionate worship celebrates the promises of God (Psalm 31:19).
3. Passionate worship acknowledges the presence of God (Psalm 139:7-10).
4. Passionate worship responds to the pull of God (Psalm 37:39-40).

II. WORSHIP IS TO BE PARTICIPATORY.

Eight Passionate Ways God’s Word Tells Us To Worship God

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| 1. <u>Standing</u> | 1 Kings 8:22 |
| 2. <u>Kneeling</u> | Psalm 95:6 |
| 3. <u>Laughing</u> | Psalm 126:2 |
| 4. <u>Shouting</u> | Psalm 32:11 |
| 5. <u>Singing</u> | Psalm 40:3 |
| 6. <u>Musical instruments</u> | Psalm 150:3-5 |
| 7. <u>Lifting of hands</u> | Psalm 63:4 |
| 8. <u>Clapping of hands</u> | Psalm 47:1 |

PASSIONATE WORSHIP LEADS TO ACTION.

1. Passionate worship includes others (Hebrews 10:25).
2. Passionate worship changes us (Romans 12:1).
3. Passionate worship will change our world (Acts 4:31).

IMPORTANT DATES

Prayer Vigil	May 14-15
All-Church Banquet	May 22



HONORING GOD THROUGH PASSIONATE WORSHIP

After a Sunday morning worship service, a young boy suddenly announced, “Mom, I’ve decided to become a minister when I grow up.” The announcement thrilled his mother, but she wondered what had caused such a decision at this young age. “That is fine with us, but what made you decide to become a minister?” she asked. “Well,” said the boy, “I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up front and yell than to sit and listen.”

How do you view the worship service? Do you just “sit and listen” or do you enthusiastically join in? Worship, as God intended it, should be an inspiring, uplifting experience. The primary purpose of worship is to express adoration to the Lord Jesus Christ. When He is the central focus of our worship experience, we can’t help but be uplifted.

The way we approach worship makes a difference in how much we enjoy the service. In other words, what we put into worship determines what we get out of it! Our attitude is a filter. If our attitude is in right alignment at the beginning of worship, the Holy Spirit has a better chance of ministering to us through the music and the message. If we come to church with our defenses up, we limit what the Spirit can accomplish in us.

True worship focuses on Christ, not others. God’s Word says when Christ is lifted up, He will draw people to himself. His presence inspires us to worship.

During today’s worship, let God fill your life to overflowing. The world and its schedule drain us. When we come together as believers and focus on Christ, the synergy is empowering. By its strength we are able to face the challenges of the week ahead.

Worship also inspires us to share the good news of the gospel with others. As we learn the dynamic promises of God’s Word, we want to share them with others. In that sense, worship is a “filling station,” where we are energized to evangelize.

Worship also strengthens our spiritual defenses. Learning God’s Word, fellowshiping with other believers, and expressing praise to God nourishes us spiritually and makes us stronger. Neglecting worship depletes us and leaves us fragile and weak. God provides corporate worship as a means to help us become spiritual overcomers.

Let’s allow the worship of God to move us *Forward in Faith*.

Please remember the following:

- Pick up a FIF Journal at the welcome center
- Prayer Vigil May 14-15
- All-Church Banquet May 22